

1 AN ACT relating to real estate brokerage.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 324.010 is amended to read as follows:

4 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

5 (1) "Real estate brokerage":

6 (a) Means a single, multiple, or continuing act of dealing in time shares or
7 options, selling or offering for sale, buying or offering to buy, negotiating the
8 purchase, sale, or exchange of real estate, engaging in property management,
9 leasing or offering to lease, renting or offering for rent, or referring or offering
10 to refer for the purpose of securing prospects, any real estate or the
11 improvements thereon for others for a fee, compensation, or other valuable
12 consideration; and

13 (b) Includes advertising for sale an equitable interest in a contract for the
14 purchase of real property between a property owner and a prospective
15 purchaser;

16 (2) "Commission" means the Kentucky Real Estate Commission;

17 (3) "Net listing" means a listing agreement that provides for a stipulated net price to the
18 owner and the excess over the stipulated net price to be received by the licensee as
19 the fee compensation or other valuable consideration;

20 (4) "Principal broker" means a person licensed as a broker under KRS 324.046 who, in
21 addition to performing acts of real estate brokerage or transactions comprehended
22 by that definition, is the single broker responsible for the operation of the company
23 with which he or she is associated;

24 (5) "Real estate" means real estate in its ordinary meaning and includes timeshares,
25 options, leaseholds, and other interests less than leaseholds;

26 (6) "Sales associate" means any person licensed in accordance with KRS 324.046(2)
27 that is affiliated with a Kentucky-licensed principal broker and who, when engaging

1 in real estate brokerage, does so under the supervision of the principal broker;

2 (7) "Approved real estate school" means:

3 (a) A school that has been given a certificate of approval by the Kentucky
4 Commission on Proprietary Education or other regulatory bodies that exercise
5 jurisdiction over accreditation and approval and the Kentucky Real Estate
6 Commission. The school shall also be currently in good standing with both
7 the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education or other regulatory
8 bodies that exercise jurisdiction over accreditation and approval and the
9 commission; or

10 (b) A National Association of Realtors recognized program which has been
11 reviewed by the Kentucky Real Estate Commission and deemed an approved
12 real estate school;

13 (8) "Accredited institution" means a college or university accredited by appropriately
14 recognized educational associations or chartered and licensed in Kentucky that
15 grants credits toward a program for either an associate, baccalaureate, graduate, or
16 professional degree;

17 (9) "Property management" means the overall management of real property for others
18 for a fee, compensation, or other valuable consideration, and may include the
19 marketing of property, the leasing of property, collecting rental payments on the
20 property, payment of notes, mortgages, and other debts on the property,
21 coordinating maintenance for the property, remitting funds and accounting
22 statements to the owner, and other activities that the commission may determine by
23 administrative regulation;

24 (10) "Broker" means any person who is licensed under KRS 324.046(1) and performs
25 acts of real estate brokerage;

26 (11) "Designated manager" means a licensed sales associate or broker who manages a
27 main or branch office for the principal broker, at the principal broker's direction,

- 1 and has managing authority over the activities of the sales associates at that office;
- 2 (12) "Regular employee" means an employee who works for an employer, whose total
3 compensation is subject to withholding of federal and state taxes and FICA
4 payments, and who receives from the employer a fixed salary governed by federal
5 wage guidelines that is not affected by specific real estate transactions;
- 6 (13) "Referral fee" means consideration of any kind paid or demanded for the referral of
7 a potential or actual buyer, seller, lessor, or lessee of real estate;
- 8 (14) "Designated agency" means a form of agency relationship that exists when a
9 principal broker, in accordance with KRS 324.121, identifies different licensees in
10 the same real estate brokerage firm to separately represent more than one (1) party
11 in the same real estate transaction;
- 12 (15) "Affiliation" means the relationship agreed upon between a licensee and a principal
13 broker and reported to the commission, where the licensee places his or her license
14 with the principal broker for supervision of the licensee's real estate brokerage
15 activity;
- 16 (16) "Canceled" means the status of a license when a licensee fails to renew a license,
17 writes the commission a check for fees that is not honored, fails to re-affiliate with a
18 principal broker, or fails to complete requirements for continuing or post-license
19 education;
- 20 (17) "Suspended" means the status of a license when disciplinary action has been
21 ordered against a licensee that prohibits the brokerage of real estate for a specific
22 period of time;
- 23 (18) "Revoked" means the status of a license when disciplinary action has been ordered
24 that removes the licensee's legal authority to broker real estate for a minimum of
25 five (5) years; and
- 26 (19) "Post-license education" means the forty-eight (48) hours of commission-approved
27 education required within two (2) years of receiving or activating an initial sales

1 associate license.

2 ➔Section 2. KRS 324.020 is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person who is not licensed as a real estate broker or
4 sales associate to:

5 (a) Hold himself or herself out to the public as a real estate broker or sales
6 associate or use any terms, titles, or abbreviations which express, infer, or
7 imply that the person is licensed as a real estate broker or sales associate; or

8 (b) Advertise for sale an equitable interest in a contract for the purchase of real
9 property between a property owner and a prospective purchaser.

10 (2) No person shall practice real estate brokerage with respect to real estate located in
11 this state unless:

12 (a) The person holds a license to practice real estate brokerage under this chapter;
13 or

14 (b) The person has complied with KRS 324.235 to 324.238.

15 (3) A licensee who is an owner or a builder-developer shall comply with the provisions
16 of this chapter and the administrative regulations applying to real estate brokers and
17 sales associates.

18 (4) No broker shall split fees with or compensate any person who is not licensed to
19 perform any of the acts regulated by this chapter, except that a broker may:

20 (a) Pay a referral fee to a broker licensed outside of Kentucky for referring a
21 client to the Kentucky broker;

22 (b) Pay a commission or other compensation to a broker licensed outside of
23 Kentucky in compliance with KRS 324.235 to 324.238; or

24 (c) Pay a licensed auctioneer for services rendered in cases where an auctioneer
25 and real estate broker collaborate in the conduct of a sale of real estate at
26 auction.

27 (5) Except as authorized in KRS 324.112(1) and 324.425, no sales associate shall

- 1 supervise another licensed sales associate or manage a real estate brokerage office.
- 2 (6) The Kentucky Real Estate Commission may seek and obtain injunctive relief
- 3 against any individual acting in violation of this chapter by filing a civil action in
- 4 the Circuit Court where the commission is located or where the unlawful activity
- 5 took place.